



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mays, Robert Jr. **Group Art Unit:** 2633
Serial No: 09/884,562 **Examiner:** David C. Payne
Filed: June 19, 2001 **Our Ref. No.:** MYS-01-09-13
For: NETWORK ROUTING EMPLOYING FREE-SPACE OPTICAL
BROADCASTING

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant respectfully encloses herewith corrected Drawings, Figures 1-13, on seven (7) sheets, as required.

RESPONSE

This response includes amendments to Claims 1-2, 4-8, 13-16. However, the amendments to Claims 2-8 and 13-15 are cosmetic in nature. All amended claims are fully supported by the description.

This response further includes Applicant's response indicating why the prior art does not suggest or motivate those of ordinary skill in the art to modify or combine references, does not provide a reasonable expectation of success, and does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations.